

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

Original Articles by Women for Women.

NEWEST TEA GOWNS.

Hints About Becoming and Beautiful Lounging Robes.

Like everything else, the tea gown, once a trailing, diaphanous affair, much befrilled and furbelowed, meant for hours of ease, has had to yield to the exigencies of the times and has been pro tem, shorn of its train and other extraneous decorations and enlarged its functions from tea time to dinner. It has come into the category of trainless garments and is sometimes even ankle length in its shortness; also the little loose coat that has come to be almost inseparable from it is pursuing a successful career.

A black and white tea gown of much charm has a fourreau of white brocade crepe de chine, over which is a flowing overdress, which reaches only to the knees, of black nylon patterned with silver, the bodice being draped and puffed fully round the figure and caught in front with a silver rose. The sleeves are of white shadow lace. Over all is worn a long, graceful three-quarter length coat of filmy black lace edged with a full frill, which is caught and festooned at regular intervals with single silver roses.

Another beautiful one is in purple satin, so simply made as hardly to warrant description except for the beauty of its coloring. Its sole ornament consisted of a very wide high belt, exquisitely molded to the figure, of cerise brocade in which was a delicate tracery of gold, from which hung two long ends weighted with heavy gold tassels. The shoes to be worn with it were of fuchsia colored and gold brocade.

New Blankets.

If you must buy new bedding you are indeed lucky, for never before have blankets looked so warm and woolly and comforters so billowy and dainty. Many of the new blankets do not have a pure white ground, but are checked in cream and pink, blue, violet or yellow. Some, too, have a mottled ground in tan, with stripes of color at the ends.

Just Vanities.

Little mesh purses are being carried again—silver or gold. Some have jeweled clasps or colored stones inset in the frames.

Vanity cases are in evidence again. They hold a bit of powder, a puff, mirror and a place for coins—to buy more powder presumably.

Or, if you like, there are separate coin holders in attractive designs or powder boxes with enameled tops in the most cheerful hues.

Cleaning Gold or Silver Lace.

Gold or silver lace may be brightened by boiling in hydrochloric acid slightly diluted with water. The acid will remove the verdigris and dust and leave the gold and silver uninjured. Gold lace on garments can be cleaned by applying powdered ammonia briskly with a flannel. Finish by giving it a good brushing or polishing with an old silk handkerchief.

FOR BABY'S BATH.

If the baby is afraid of the water and cries and screams when taking his bath buy several prettily colored cork "bobbers," such as fishermen use. Throw these in the bathtub, and baby will be so busy trying to catch them that he will forget to be afraid of his morning bath and will even learn to like it.

RIGHT TO QUIT ESSENTIAL.

New York.—"Take away the laboring man's right to quit work and you might just as well enslave him," said President Garretson of the Order of Railway Conductors at the Economic club's annual dinner.

President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin recorded his usual approbation of the Canadian industrial disputes act, which prohibits strikes pending a government investigation.

Everything Charged.

"I want to get my storage battery charged."

"Very well, madame. It will cost you two dollars."

"I want that charged, too."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



FOR NEEDLEWORKERS.

THOSE who like to adorn their pillows instead of taking advantage of figured cretonnes will enjoy this morning glory and bee combination done in gay colors on tin colored linen. The ends are finished with cotton gimp and fringe.

Paisley Effects Are Now All the Rage Again



SOMEWHAT TURKISH.

ANY woman who has her grandmother's old Paisley shawl at hand can array herself modishly this season. They are used for evening wraps, and the modern reproductions go into turbans and even waists. If this turban were not Paisley it would have to be Turkish.

FIGHT FOR NEGRO PORTER.

Nashville, Tenn.—President Peyton, of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, has receded from his position not to confer with the four railroad brotherhoods jointly. One of the dozen grievances is the dismissal of a negro porter who refused to remain at work in the event of a general eight-hour strike, last September.

President Peyton's refusal to meet the brotherhoods jointly resulted in an almost unanimous strike vote by the interested organizations. The railroad executive then called for federal mediators. Later he withdrew from the position that started all the trouble and now it is believed that an amicable adjustment will be reached.

GOOD NEWS FROM BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport, Conn.—Striking iron molders report continued success. They have not become discouraged because their homes have been seized before judgment was rendered, and it is whispered that employers who were a party to this procedure have been discussing settlement with their employees. At the present time the four largest and most important of the shops have reached an agreement with their employees and in some cases wages have been increased \$1 per day. There yet remains four shops outside the fold.

It is also whispered that it will be a long time before Bridgeport employers in this industry will listen to the story that the Iron Molders' Union can be "put out of business."

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PETITIONS WOULD LIMIT LIABILITY FIRMS' SCOPE.

Backers of a proposed law to bar liability insurance companies from writing workmen's compensation in competition with the state are expected to file petitions before Tuesday night with the secretary of state, Columbus despatches said Monday.

Petition circulators said nearly double the 35,000 signatures required were obtained, including that of Jas. M. Cox, governor-elect. The State Federation of Labor favors the proposed law. Thousands of Cincinnatians signed petitions.

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PLUMBERS WIN SHORT STRIKE.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Employing plumbers signed an eight-hour agreement after their plumbers suspended work for 24 hours. Recognition of the union is also included.